FISCAL NOTE

HB 571 - SB 830

February 17, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a law enforcement agency which enforces parking laws to appoint a volunteer to issue citations for violations of laws or ordinances governing parking. Requires the agency to provide training for any volunteer before authorizing the issuance of citations. Authorizes local governments to establish special enforcement units for enforcing laws and ordinances governing parking. Prohibits members of such special enforcement units from making arrests. Requires unit members to wear distinctive clothing with a law enforcement insignia and a badge while on duty. Authorizes the issuance of communication devices (police radio, cellular phone) to unit members. Specifies that the local government may provide uniforms for unit members. Specifies that unit members may be paid an hourly wage, would be entitled to workers' compensation benefits, and would be covered under the disability and liability insurance of the local government. Requires the provisions of the bill be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the local legislative body.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less than \$100,000 / Permissive Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- to the extent local governments choose to appoint volunteers to enforce parking laws and ordinances they will experience increased expenditures for the cost of training such volunteers and increased revenues from the fines collected from citations issued by such volunteers that would not have been issued otherwise.
- to the extent local governments choose to form special enforcement units for parking laws and ordinances they will experience increased expenditures for wages and increases in workers' compensation and disability and liability insurance premiums. Such local governments may also experience increased expenditures to the extent they choose to provide equipment and uniforms for unit members.
- to the extent the special enforcement units issue citations that would not have been issued in the absence of such units the local governments will experience increased revenues from fines collected.
- local governments would not form special enforcement units if the cost of operating such units exceeded the revenues generated.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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